



SCHOOL NAME: Gibson-Neill Memorial Elementary School

Address: 67 Wyngate Drive, Fredericton

Parent School Support Committee Minutes

Date: Monday, April 20, 2026 Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Gibson-Neill Memorial Elementary School

<p>PSSC Members Present: Andrea Trenholm, Chair</p> <p>Others: Nancy Wilkins Keetch (Vice Chair), Amanda Good, Katie Edgar, Deidre Hutchings, Andrew Tardiff, Sarah Dobbin, Veronica Richard</p> <p>PSSC Members Regrets: Brittney Fraser, Carolyn Gibbons,</p>	<p>School/DEC Representation Present: Tracy Stewart, Principal Colin Dolan, Vice Principal Gordon Linder, Teacher Rep</p> <p>School/DEC Representation Regrets: Mike Mazerolle- DEC Representative</p>
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Call to Order: by Andrea Trenholm @ 6:33

Approval of the Agenda: Not applicable.

Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting: Not applicable.

Business Arising from the Minutes: Not applicable.

New Business:

Award Nomination

- Andrew Tardiff proposed that the PSSC collaborate on nominating staff members, including teachers and educational assistants, at Gibson-Neill for various teaching / educational awards to recognize their contributions and highlight the school’s work.
- The committee was supportive of the idea and agreed to continue the discussion at the May meeting.

Principal’s Report

Student Wellness and Education Survey

- A total of 138 Grade 4 and 5 students responded to the survey in fall 2025.
- Overall, students report feeling successful at school, with strong results in autonomy, competence, and a sense of connection/relatedness.

- There was discussion around responses to a question about schoolwork, with results on the survey showing mixed feedback on whether it is too easy or challenging. This is an area the school may wish to explore further to best support students.
- The section on bullying was also discussed. Overall, students are showing improved understanding of the difference between conflict and bullying and using the skills they have been taught and know. Verbal incidents and social exclusion being the most reported concerns.

Teacher Perception Survey Data

- A survey was administered in November 2025, with 15 teachers (less than 50% of staff) completing it this year.
- Results are consistent with previous years and align with both provincial and district averages.
- Notably, there has been improvement over the past few years in teachers feeling supported by parents in their work.
- Despite some progress in this area, teachers continue to report that disruptive behaviour is impacting instructional time and student learning.

Library

- Students visit the library, where the classroom teacher reads to them and they have an opportunity to browse the books while in the library.
- Classrooms currently have access to rotating book bins, which are kept for one week before being passed on to another class. Many new books were purchased this year to begin this new initiative in response to not having a school librarian and usual access to library books as in the past.
- This initiative is expected to continue into the next school year, with additional books being added to the bins.

Next Meeting:

- Tracy will share any available staffing updates for the 2026-2027 school year along with the school calendar and details on “Meet the staff / welcome back night” for students and families prior to the first day of school fall 2026.
- Tracy will provide updates on the school lunch program, if applicable.
- Tracy would like to collaborate with our committee on developing a parent survey to identify areas where families may want additional support or information.
- The committee will explore potential award opportunities (both provincial and national) for nominating educators and support staff and work toward creating a plan for this for the 2026-2027 school year.

Correspondence: Not applicable.

Closing Comments: Not applicable.

Adjournment: Adjournment at 7:54 pm